

# Syllabus

for course at first level

**Finance - an introduction**

**Grundkurs i finansiering**

**7.5 Higher Education**

**Credits**

**7.5 ECTS credits**

**Course code:** FE1121  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2019  
**Date of approval:** 2019-06-12  
**Department:** Stockholm Business School

**Main field:** Företagsekonomi  
**Specialisation:** G1N - First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

## Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Department Board of Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University on June 12th 2019.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

### Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
1121	Finance - an introduction	7.5

### Course content

The ability to assess the value of investments and financial assets, and thus the ability to discuss decisions, is an important aspect of business administration. The course deals with quantitative methods in order to carry out this assessment.

The course covers basic investment appraisal and simple evaluation of businesses and financial assets (e.g. stocks), taking into account the value of money at different times. In addition to lectures, the course comprises voluntary accounting exercises and voluntary group exercises to be completed according to specific instructions.

The course is examined on the basis of a written, individual examination. The final examination may also include assignments in the form of continuous preparation for and participation in the course's group exercises. The course also covers sustainability within finance.

### Learning outcomes

Intended Learning Outcomes

The overall aim of the course is to introduce students to basic concepts and quantitative methods that can be used to discuss and solve problems relating to investment appraisal and financial management in businesses and other organisations.

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

1. Identify and define basic concepts and methods used to assess the profitability of investment projects;
2. Identify and define basic concepts and methods of financing, such as risk analysis, portfolio theory, options, stocks, and bonds;

#### Skills and abilities

3. Apply and perform calculations on the basis of different types of valuation models and other financial models;

#### Judgement and approach

4. Evaluate information from quantitative decision models in relation to other conditions of importance to a company's decisions on matters relating to investment;
5. Combine different financial models for making financial decisions.

### Education

The course consists of a combination of lectures, seminars and group work and requires a significant portion of self-study on the part of students. Assessment for the course will be continuous and is carried throughout the different activities of the course.

The course workload is 200 hours equivalent to 7,5 ECTS.

The language of instruction is English.

Please note that all teaching and learning activities are carried out in English when the language of instruction is English.

### Forms of examination

Assessment for the course will be continuous and is carried throughout the different course activities. Each assessment task is weighted in relation to its importance in the overall assessment of the course. The student's results from the different assessment tasks are added up to a total course score that will then translate into the final grade for the course.

#### Assessment tasks

The course contains the following weighted assessment tasks:

1. Individual final examination: assesses intended learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; constitutes 80% of total course points.
2. Assessment task 2, MCQ-test, part 1: assesses intended learning outcomes 1, 3; constitutes 10% of total course points.
3. Assessment task 3, MCQ-test, part 2: assesses intended learning outcomes 2, 3; constitutes 10% of total course points.

#### Grading

After completion of the course, students will receive grades on a scale related to the intended learning outcomes of the course. Passing grades are A, B, C, D and E. The failing grade is F.

A course comprises 0–100 course points. Receiving a final passing grade requires  $\geq 50$  course points. The scale for the final grade is tied to fixed score intervals: A: 90-100; B: 80-89; C: 70-79; D: 60-69; E: 50-59; F: 0-49. The grades correspond to the total score points a student obtains (over a total of 100) for all the weighted assessment tasks combined as part of the continuous assessment for the course.

All assessment tasks are assessed on a 100-point scale.

Each assessment task is awarded 0–100 points. The score for a single assessment task is the number of points multiplied by its percentage weight, and the combined total of score points for all weighted assessment tasks for the course are added up to a final score between 0 and 100 which then translates into a corresponding final course grade between A and F.

The student is responsible for completing the course's assessment tasks: that a sufficient amount of course points is earned and a passing course grade is obtained. The course's final assessment task can be taken twice: 1) during the course's first scheduled occasion; and, if a passing result (at least 50 course points) was not achieved at the first occasion, 2) at the course's second, scheduled occasion. All other assessment tasks are

offered once during the course.

A passing grade (A–E) in the course is obtained when a student has achieved at least 50 course points.

A failing grade (F) in the course is obtained when a student has not achieved at least 50 course points.

Re-registration implies that:

- first-time registered students have priority access to the course's group registration;
- the final assessment task can be re-assessed without attendance at any of the course's other learning activities and without points from the course's other assessment tasks accredited.

Students receiving a passing grade may not retake the final examination or complete a previously not completed assessment task to attain a higher grade. A passing grade may not be turned into a failing grade upon the request of a student.

#### Assessment criteria

Assessment criteria are designed as overall assessments, combined qualitative descriptions of what the student is expected to do in order to demonstrate how well the course's learning outcomes are achieved. The assessment criteria are based upon the general abilities as expressed in the degree objectives of the Higher Education Ordinance (appendix 2, System of Qualifications). The list of abilities below is a compilation of these degree objectives. To pass the course (grade E) students should demonstrate general ability to:

- recall, understand and explain course content, the course subject and its scientific basis and methodology;
- apply course content;
- critically analyse course content;
- problematise course content;
- orally and in writing, present and discuss course content;
- assess course content in terms of scientific, social, and sustainability aspects;
- relate course content to current social issues;
- meet standards of written presentation and formal accuracy.

The following assessment criteria are used to decide to what extent students have demonstrated these abilities and hence fulfil the course's intended learning outcomes, whereby a grading decision can be made. A higher grade-level presupposes the abilities at lower levels.

#### A (Excellent)

The student demonstrates ability to evaluate and relate to the content of the course from a comprehensive, critically reflective perspective, as well as to transfer and apply insights in new, meaningful contexts.

#### B (Very Good)

The student demonstrates ability to, from an overarching and coherent perspective of the field, understand and use concepts to explain how different aspects of the course relate to each other, interconnect and become meaningful.

#### C (Good)

The student demonstrates ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course from several well-developed but mainly independent perspectives.

#### D (Satisfactory)

The student demonstrates satisfactory ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the

course in a way that, albeit in-depth and elaborate, is decidedly one-dimensional.

#### E (Sufficient)

The student demonstrates sufficient ability to discuss the content, tasks and complex issues dealt with in the course in a way that is decidedly one-dimensional.

#### F (Fail)

The student's knowledge, skills and abilities display major flaws, overall or in significant parts.

#### **Interim**

If the course is discontinued, or its contents are substantially altered, students have the right to be examined according to this syllabus once per semester for three further semesters.

#### **Limitations**

The course cannot be counted towards a degree along with another course of similar content, awarded in this or another country.

The course cannot be counted into a degree together with Finance I (FE1103).

#### **Misc**

Exemption from an assessment task is granted if the student presents a valid reason and a written certification (such as illness and a medical certificate), whereupon the student may re-sit the assessment task at a later date while maintaining previously acquired course points.

Application for exemption should be submitted to the Director of Studies immediately after, or during planned absences well before, the date when the assessment task is carried out. A granted exemption expires at the end of the immediately following semester.

#### **Required reading**

• Berk – DeMarzo (2017), Corporate Finance, Pearson 4th Global Edition. ISBN-10: 1-292-16016-0 eller ISBN-13: 978-1-292-16016-0, Also available with a vocabulary list (Swedish/English): ISBN 9781784497866.